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MAJ. KEYHOE'S ELEVEN UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

(EDITOR'S NOTE — The following is a verbatim reproduction of the letter Major Donald E. Keyhoe, U. S. Marine Corps, ret., sent to Senator Harry Flood Byrd, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, U.S. Senate, on April 3rd, 1956. We, along with Major Keyhoe, feel that these questions need to be publicly answered. A concerted effort should be instigated to get all the facts before the press and public. Those interested are recommended to write their congressional representatives and senators in Washington, insisting upon specific answers to the queries outlined below. This, many believe, can only come about through a congressional investigation. If there is enough demand on the part of their constituents, such an investigation should be forthcoming.)

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214 Kent Road
Alexandria, Virginia
April 3, 1956.

Senator Harry F. Byrd,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Byrd:

During a recent Detroit address, given before the Engineering Society of Detroit and the American Chemical Society, members of the audience asked us how to secure certain hidden facts regarding the Air Force investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects. I recommended that they write their elected Senators and Representatives and insist that the Air Force end its present misleading policy.

Now, as a resident, property owner and taxpayer of the State of Virginia, I am requesting your assistance in ending Air Force contradictions and secrecy.

First, however, I should like to identify myself. I am a U. S. Naval Academy graduate and a former Marine Corps pilot, now retired with the rank of Major, U.S. Marine Corps. After a crash at Guam, in the 20's, I became Chief of Information for civil aeronautics. In 1926, I managed the U.S. tour of the "Josephine Ford" which your brother, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, and Floyd Bennett flew over the North Pole. I believe that Admiral Byrd will vouch for my integrity. In 1927, I was assigned as aide to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh for his air tour of the 48 states. Since then, except for an active-duty period in World War Two, I have been a writer, my articles appearing in the Reader's Digest, Saturday Evening Post, Cosmopolitan, Redbook, The American Magazine, This Week, The American Weekly and over 20 other publications.

In 1949, True Magazine asked me to investigate the "flying saucer" mystery. Since then, I have interviewed many pilots, radar-men and other highly qualified witnesses, reporting their sightings and opinions, along with official Air Force reports, in three books. During 1952 and early '53, when high Intelligence officers were planning to tell the public the facts, I was in close cooperation with the Air Force. At this time, several official ATIC statements and 41 formerly classified UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) reports were declassified specifically for my use. But in February of 1953 the policy again was reversed, with secrecy and an "explain away and ridicule" policy once more invoked. Because of the

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inherent dangers in this censorship—and the Air Force has insisted no security is involved—I urge that you forward the following questions and statements to Secretary of the Air Force Donald A. Quarles, with a request for specific answers:

1. Why has the Air Force concealed an official Intelligence report, dated Sept. 23, 1947, which stated the flying saucers were real?

For your information, this report was signed by the Chief of the Air Technical Intelligence Center, approved by all members of ATIC, and submitted via Director of Air Force Intelligence to the Commanding General, Army Air Force.

2. Why has the Air Force kept from the press the official ATIC "Estimate of the Situation," drawn up in the summer of 1948, which stated that the flying saucers were interplanetary space ships?

3. With the two above-mentioned documents in its hands, why did the Air Force, in December 1949, tell the press that the flying saucers were hoaxes, mirages, hallucinations and mistakes by pilots? Why did the Air Force deliberately omit the serious reports and opinions of hundreds of veteran Service and airline pilots, airport tower controllers, radar experts and other trained observers who insisted the saucers were unknown machines under intelligent control?

4. Why has the Air Force hidden the 1952 Air Force Intelligence analysis of the flying saucers' "controlled motion" and its specific conclusion that these UFO's were interplanetary space ships?

5. Why has the Air Force kept secret the recommendations of a panel of top scientists and aviation leaders, agreed to in January 1953, that the UFO investigation be greatly enlarged and that the American people be given all information on "saucers" in Air Force possession, including the official conclusions?

6. Why has the Air Force hidden all UFO reports from the public since 1953—even those it had previously released?

7. If the flying saucers are non-existent, as Secretary Quarles has tried to convince the public, why are Service pilots, radarmen and other trained observers officially muzzled?

For your information, the official orders are JANAP 146, AFR 200-2, and official instructions to personnel of the Civil Aeronautics Administration based on JANAP 146. This latter order also applies to civilian airline pilots who report flying saucers officially, on a communication system known as CIRVIS—Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings.

8. If the flying saucers are imaginary, why do armed Air Defense Command jets continue to chase these UFO's, by standing ADC orders? Why does the Air Force continue to spend the taxpayers' money in a global investigation of flying saucers by hundreds of Intelligence officers, the 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron, and by top-ranking scientists and consultants under secret Air Force contract?

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9. Why did Secretary Quarles and certain Air Force officers state in Special Report 14 that no pattern had been found, no indication of intelligent maneuvers, and not enough data to build a working model—when in December 1949 the ATIC Project "Grudge" Report stated that the majority of reports described a disc-shaped object about 1/10th as thick as its diameter?

Why did this Special Report 14, dated Oct. 25, 1955, list several of its weakest sighting reports as the "cream of the crop" when actually the Intelligence files showed hundreds of baffling, unsolved reports by the most experienced pilots, guided missile trackers, and other trained observers?

10. Does the Air Force agree with General Douglas MacArthur's statement, as published by the New York Times, October 8, 1955, that the world nations will have to unite against attack by people from other planets?

11. The existence of the official documents mentioned in Para. 1,2,4 and 5, has been confirmed publicly by Edward J. Ruppelt, formerly head of the Air Force UFO Investigative agency, Project Blue Book. Does Secretary Quarles claim that Mr. Ruppelt is lying to the public?

During the past seven years, an Air Force "silence group" has repeatedly "explained away" the most important UFO sightings; it has led millions of citizens to ignore the "saucer" reports as nonsense. To achieve this, it has ridiculed the best qualified witnesses here and abroad. To name a few:

Col. Donald J. M. Blakeslee, World War 2 ace, Commander of a fighter escort wing; Capts. Jack Adriance and W. B. Nash, Pan American Airlines; Capt. Richard Case, American Airlines; Capt. Clarence B. Chiles, Eastern Airlines; Capt. E. J. Smith, United Airlines; Capt. Lawrence Vinther, Mid-Continent Airlines; Senior Traffic Controller (radar) Harry Barnes, Washington National Airport; Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the Planet Pluto, and now in charge of the official "sky search" for unknown satellites. If you wish, I can supply many other witnesses' names, of equal importance, including pilots of the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, guided missile trackers, CAA tower operators, and other experts, here and in a dozen other countries.

Either all the trained observers are incompetent, or liars—or the Air Force is hiding the truth from the public. Since these hundreds of pilots continue to guide planes through bad weather, with many lives in their hands, I think their competency is obvious.

It has long been established that the "Saucers" could not be U. S. or Russian devices. If we had had such global machines perfected in 1947, why didn't we use them to save lives in Korea? Why have we kept on building ordinary missiles and jet planes? Why would we risk international anger by secretly operating such devices all over the world, violating other nations' boundaries and spying on their defenses? Obviously, the saucers—with their tremendous speeds and fantastic maneuvers—are not earth-made. If they were Russian, the USSR would long ago have used them to force the Free World to surrender; the Russians would not be desperately trying to beat us in the race for air and missile supremacy.

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The answer, as stated by ATIC in 1948 and again in 1952, is plain; The flying saucers are interplanetary machines, observing our world for reasons unknown—or reasons hidden by the Air Force.

But the Russians, by a false claim that the "saucers" were theirs, might frighten many people in the Free World at a crucial time. For this reason alone, we should be given the truth. Secondly, if the UFO's are interplanetary, the Air Force has left us completely unprepared for any attempted communication by this unknown race.

May I respectfully request, Senator Byrd, that you examine the evidence, or have it examined by competent analysts outside the Air Force? In the best interests of the American people, and of the world, I urge that you ask for a Congressional investigation into the Air Force secrecy on this subject. Such an investigation should call for public testimony by men who have fought for the truth:

General W. N. Garland, USAF; Col. Frank Dunn, USAF; Col. W. S. Smith, Intelligence, USAF; Major Dewey Fournet, USAF; Col. D. J. Blakeslee, USAF; Edward J. Ruppelt, former head of Project Blue Book; William Lear, of Lear, Inc., electronics and aviation industrial leader, who has declared the saucers to be interplanetary; Prof. Hermann Oberth, space-travel expert and rocket designer, now on secret work at Redstone Arsenal, and all the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and airline pilots whose reports are on record.

In such an investigation, the Air Force should be required to reveal all the now hidden reports and analysis—the detailed sightings and ATIC explanations, all UFO motion-picture analysis, and verbatim copies of the 1947, 1948 and 1952 Intelligence documents I have mentioned.

If such a hearing is held, I shall be glad to testify, under oath, to the facts and to the censorship which I detailed in The Flying Saucer Conspiracy, published last December. Thus far, the Air Force has avoided answering any of the charges I made.

Undoubtedly, many, if not all, of the "silence group" believe they are acting in the best interests of the country in concealing the facts. But the 1953 recommendation to "tell the public the truth," by the top-level panel of scientists, is, I believe, the only wise course. The American people are not children; with the tremendous issues involved, they have a right to know the truth—what they may have to face, perhaps in the near future.

I am flying to Iowa tomorrow to visit my mother, but I expect to return by Sunday, the 8th. I shall telephone your office on Monday, and I am hoping that the Air Force will reply promptly when you forward my questions, or the enclosed copy of this letter.

If you desire further information, with specific names, dates and details, I shall be glad to discuss the subject with you, or to answer your questions.

Sincerely yours,

Donald E. Keyhoe
Major, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired.

Enc: Copy of this letter.

THE AIR FORCE ANSWERS KEYHOE

(EDITOR'S NOTE — In all fairness to the U. S. Air Force, we feel obligated to reproduce their reply to Major Keyhoe's letter to Senator Byrd. Copies of both of these missives were submitted through the courtesy of Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC, retired. For additional reference to Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14, please refer to the statement by Edward J. Ruppelt, as contained on page 3, SAUCERS, March 1956.)

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Department of the Air Force
Washington

1 May 1956

Office of the Secretary

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I refer to your expression of interest in behalf of Major Donald E. Keyhoe concerning the Unidentified Flying Object Program.

Major Keyhoe's letter is typical of many received by the Air Force from well-meaning persons who feel that action should be taken to secure the so-called "true facts" allegedly withheld by the Air Force in its investigation and analysis of so-called "flying saucers." The Air Force strives to analyze and answer each letter of this type regardless of the nature, motives, or objectives of the writer.

On May 5, 1955, the Air Force declassified its special study, Project Bluebook, Report Number 14, "Analysis of Reports of Unidentified Aerial Objects." This study represents the critical analysis made of the sum total of all reports or sightings from 1947 to May 1955. It includes the painstaking efforts of highly competent scientists, analysts, investigators and specialists. This very detailed, extensive report was prepared by a civilian scientific group. The reports were derived from all sources, ranging from well-known scientists and experienced pilots to the average man in the street. The report is available for examination by the general public.

The Secretary of the Air Force on 25 October 1955 publicly released the summary of report Number 14 containing the results of the investigation begun by the Air Force in 1947 into this field. This summary stated that through the continued use of the services of well-known scientists and by constantly improved analytical and investigative methods, the Air Force has reduced the number of "unknowns" from approximately 10% in 1954 to three per cent as of this date. The "unknowns" are, of course, the prime concern of the Air Force. We shall continue to investigate them regardless of how low the percentage may become. However, the following conclusions of all these studies with regard to the "unknowns" may be reiterated:

There is total lack of evidence that the phenomena observed have inimical or hostile forces behind them.

There is a total lack of evidence that they are interplanetary vehicles.

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There is a total lack of evidence that they represent technological developments outside the range of present-day scientific knowledge.

There is a total lack of evidence that they constitute any threat to the security of this country.

The Air Force feels that every question or allegation posed by Major Keyhoe, as well as the many statements made by individuals in our out of the Air Force, will fall in one or more of the four major conclusions.

You may be assured that the Air Force shall continue to study, analyze, and present to the public full facts on this subject. We appreciate the opportunity of responding to your request for information in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Joe W. Kelly
Major General, USAF,
Director, Legislative Liaison

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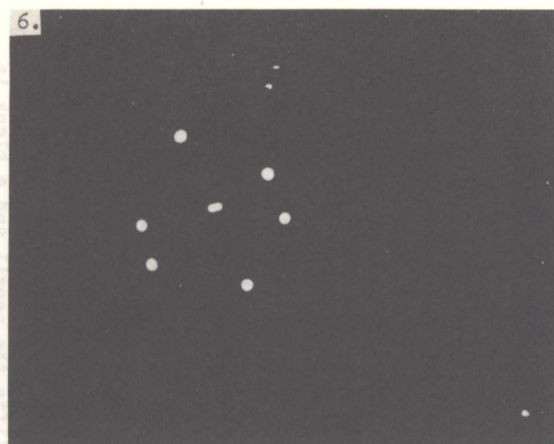
Honorable Harry Flood Byrd
Chairman, Committee on Finance,
United States Senate

FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPH — On Monday, March 5, 1956, William L. Wannall and his wife, both of Honolulu, Hawaii, were going south on 10th Avenue when they "noticed three large lights flying in a wide formation over the Kaimuki area traveling about 150 mph, fairly low, about the size of a dime each at arms length" at 8:45 p.m. The UFO's were "of solid composition," Mr. Wannall relates, "...sky was clear, and visibility unlimited, prevailing trade winds." The pair watched the lights for "about one minute." Mr. Wannall then took a picture (frontpiece) of the craft with his Cannon 35mm camera, using Anscochrome color film (32 ASA), 1/8th second exposure, and aperture at f/1.8. "These objects," Mr. Wannall writes, "were only about 200 feet altitude and were flying in and out of the regular Hickam Field radio range leg (east) and could have caused a major disaster had an airliner collided with one of them." The photograph is particularly interesting in its original color. With the exception of the dotted lines, which are a bluish-green, the light paths are all a bright yellow in appearance, with a general aureole-type effect surrounding the light sources. The potato-shaped body to the middle-right was invisible to the photographer. As can easily be seen, these UFO's (be what they may) covered a pretty good distance—including the execution of a fairly "tight" 130-degree turn—in one-eighth second. The picture shows the objects, according to the photographer, traveled about 20 times its own length and vanished. It seems unascertained as to whether or not these lights were separate craft or all attached to a central body.

"The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going."
—Proverbs, 14:15.

"Truth, in its simplicity, escapes us." —Anon.

"UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS" (Movie) *



1. Al Chop (played by Tom Towers), appointed Press Chief, Air Materiel Command, dismisses saucer reports as "unadulterated bunk." Later, chop is transferred to the Pentagon, and assigned to "Project Blue Book."

2. Nicholis Mariana describes, to USAF intelligence officer, two UFO's he photographed on 16mm color film over Great Falls, Montana.

3. Chop and top "Bluebook" staff view the Delbert C. Newhouse (Tremonton, Utah) saucer film. Intelligence chief exclaims, "How about that?" Official report concludes: "Not aircraft, not birds, not balloons, not faked."

4. Chop awakes to startling news, via morning headline.

5. Chop and top Air Force brass watch UFO's maneuver on Washington radar scope.

6. "Red Dog One" is surrounded by group of six UFO's on simulated radar screen.

* ("Unidentified Flying Objects" is a Green-Rouse Production, of United Artists release. Photos courtesy United Artists Corp.)

SIGNALS FROM MARS?

(EDITOR'S NOTE — Signals from Mars—fantastic? Yes, but perhaps within the range of possibility. The follow newspaper account would stir many an imagination were it published today. It appears timely enough. But what is your reaction when we tell you it is reproduced from The Evening Bulletin, Providence, Rhode Island—of January 1, 1897? We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Fiore Pignataro of Westerly, R.I., who accidentally discovered the newspaper in the back of a painting frame, for this text. Additional research into the original sources may be warranted.)

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Sir Francis Gaulton Declares Some One is Trying to Talk With Us

New York, Jan. 1—(Special)—The Electrical Engineer says in this week's issue:

Sir Francis Gaulton declares in an article in the London Fortnightly Review that somebody on the planet Mars is signalling to us by means of dots and dashes of light, produced by something like heliographs. It is a pretty good yarn, and only the name of the distinguished English scientist gives it a sober aspect.

It is said that one of the great European observatories has prepared a recording apparatus, which is found to perform its mission effectively. A long strip of telegraph paper, which is slowly drawn by clockwork, upon a hinged pencil, on which the observer rests his finger. When the scintillation or flash is on, he presses his finger and the pencil leaves a mark. When the flash is off, he ceases to press, a spring lifts the pencil and a blank is left on the travelling slip of paper.

An examination of these telegraphic ribbons shows that three, and only three different signals are employed by the Martian operators, who are now working splendidly under an uncommonly intelligent director of works. These signals differ only in their lengths, and resemble the dots and dashes of the telegraphic code. The dot lasts one second and a quarter. The dash lasts two seconds and one half. The line, or longest dash, lasts five seconds.

After a few well-marked succession of dots, dashes and lines, it is ascertained that the interval between letters is one second and a half, the interval between words three seconds and the interval between paragraphs six seconds.

As there are only three varieties of signals, the total number of different words of one letter is three, of two letters nine, of three letters 27, of four letters 81, of five letters 243, and so on in geometrical progression. The average time occupied in signalling these words, including the three seconds pause at the end of each, are six, 10, 15, 20 and 24 seconds respectively. The Mars folk evidently intend to speak to us in very terse and pointed language.

UFO PERIODICALS — A new German-language saucer journal, with an initial printing of 15,000 copies, is Weltraumbote ("Space Messenger"). Edited and published by J. Heinrich Ragaz, Seestrasse 309, Zurich 2/38, Switzerland. . . Still heartily recommended is the excellent British bi-monthly, Flying Saucer Review, which can now be subscribed to through a local agent (at \$3.50 per annum): W. B. Lansbury, Box 3B, 55 West 92nd Street, New York 25, N. Y.

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*Official U.S. Government designation for Unidentified Flying Objects

(EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the second in the series of our somewhat revamped "UFO News" section. Needless to say, we appreciate the cooperation of those many individuals who have been kind enough to send us newspaper clippings and accounts of personal sightings. News clippings should include the date and origin, while personal reports should contain as many details as possible. Thank you.)

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Feb. 12—Noel, Missouri—Newspaper editor Bob Sterling and his family observed two UFO's shortly before sundown. He described: "The two objects were elliptical in shape, appeared to be at a great distance and were first sighted north of the setting sun. They moved slowly to the southwest and finally disappeared over the horizon. They appeared to be rather large in size and were silvery in color much like reflection of the sun on aluminum. Both moved in the same direction and stayed the same distance apart. Mrs. Sterling said when she first saw them, one of the objects appeared to give off a flame." (Noel Press, 2/17.)

Feb. 6—Salmon River, Calif.—Charles Brewster and E. "Doc" Goodwin reported sighting "a large object" at 9 p.m. They said "bright lights shone from what appeared to be a fan like tail and the object remained stationary in the atmosphere for one half hour then it moved north ward and lingered for 15-minutes before it disappeared out of sight." (Yreka Journal, 3/1.)

Feb. 13—Clearwater, Fla.—B. C. McLean observed "an aluminum colored disc" at 6:45 p.m. The UFO "was flying from east to west at a high rate of speed." (Clearwater Sun, 2/14.)

Feb. 14—Vallejo, Calif.—The Rev. William Moore, O.P., an amateur astronomer, saw a "fiery red object" flash across the western sky at 8:33 p.m. What was viewed for "a second or less" was described as "a huge red flash—like a burning plane, except that it disappeared while still above the horizon. It was something like a large shooting star, very red, and with a slight tail of flame. It was five or six times larger than any star in the sky at the time." The pastor added that the "atmosphere was unusually clear" that night. (Vallejo Times-Herald, 2/15.)

Feb. 15—Vancouver, B.C., Canada—Mrs. Walter Pinkus sighted "a bright red disc at least a couple of thousand feet up and moving faster than a plane" late that night. She related that "it disappeared west behind Little Mountain in about a minute. It was bright and clear but made no sound." Another witness reported "a fast moving silent light, traveling east on level trajectory" earlier in the evening. (Vancouver Province, 2/16; Herb D. Clark.)

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Feb. 16—Santa Barbara, Calif.—"A large object, vari-colored and the same hue as logs burning in a fireplace," which moved slowly over northern mountains, was observed by Mrs. Jaroslav Brozik at 6 p.m. The UFO, visible "for at least two minutes...until it disappeared behind a cloud," trailed "a luminous, 'pinky colored' cloud" that "changed shape and began looking more like a smoke ring or a do-nut and grew larger," Mrs. Brozik said. (Santa Barbara News Press, 2/17.)

Feb. 20—Fairfax, Okla.—Through a telescope, Alex Tallchiefs viewed "a strange sight" between 8:30 and 9 p.m. He said it appeared "in the shape of a crown with quite a bright glare" in the western sky. (Fairfax Chief, 2/23.)

Feb. 25—Chula Vista, Calif.—Mrs. R. T. Johnson saw a "'large object sailing across the sky trailed by a bright red fire'" about 10 p.m. She added, "'It looked real close, and appeared to have gone down right in our neighborhood.'" (Chula Vista Star-News, 3/1.)

Mar. 19—Castro Valley (near Hayward), Calif.—Three residents, Mary C. Reide, Marty F. Montero and Myrtle A. Moore, "all reported seeing a bright, glowing object passing through the sky and settling somewhere near the intersection" of Crow Canyon and Cull Canyon roads. Mrs. Reide said "it appeared the object was about to strike" her house. Mr. Montero reported a "swishing" sound. Sheriff's deputies, investigating the area, "could find no burned brush." All witnesses said the UFO was "very large." (Hayward Daily Review, 3/20.)

Mar. 26—Traverse City & Leelanau County, Mich.—"Persons in at least 10 different locations" reported an "unidentified object" between 10:30 and 11 p.m. Air Force Major Homer D. Champlin said his A.C. & W. Squadron base at Empire "received several reports of the lights," adding that "no aircraft were reported in the vicinity and the object did not show up on radar scopes." James Wurm gave the airmen their best account: "...it appeared at first just to be a red and white light, somewhat larger than a star, but on checking through 4-power binoculars" he "determined that the object was shaped something like an upright mushroom, with the 'stem' red-orange and the top white...it moved slowly for approximately 15 minutes, then disappeared rapidly into the western sky about 40 degrees above the horizon." Mr. Wurm identified three other witnesses—Laverne Petroskey, August Sharnowski and Pat Gardner. Another observer, Charles Kubesh, followed the UFO by car for several minutes. Investigating officer Lt. Warren Schiele said one woman "first was attracted to the object by the barking of her dog. She reported the object as making a faint sound." (Leland, Leelanau Enterprise Tribune, 3/30.)

Mar. 30—Selma, Calif.—Glenn Smart reported to police that "he saw a bright orange object in the northwest part of the sky flying in a fast, wavy line, at a high altitude" at 9:45 p.m. He added that he was "positive it was not a plane." (Selma Enterprise, 4/5.)

Apr. 2—Coffeyville, Kan.—R. H. Smith was awakened when his wife "became alarmed over the increasing velocity of the wind shortly after 8" p.m. Said he: "I went outside to check the clouds and to my astonishment saw this illuminated object gliding down toward a neighbor's home. There was no framework visible, but the lighted

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body appeared somewhat shorter than the standard airplane with a wingspread of about 30 feet. It hovered over the Lee Fortenberry house, about 500 feet south of our home, at what I judged 300 feet altitude, then glided across the road to circle the Thurman Watson house before starting toward our home." Mr. Smith continued, "Before the object reached our place, however, it veered off and started to ascend again. Just then, Mrs. Smith came out to see what was keeping me and she also saw the object. For a few minutes, it appeared to send spots of light from it and then disappeared into the clouds." (Coffeyville Daily Journal, 4/3.)

Apr. 4—Florida—"A mysterious explosion, or series of explosions, shook buildings over 60 miles of Florida West Coast tonight." Some windows were reported broken. Pilot in the Gulf of Mexico told of flashes of light in the sky. Phenomenon remains unexplained. (Associated Press, others, 4/4.)

Apr. 7—Tallahassee, Fla.—Unidentified residents witnessed a "'strange-shaped" light" at 12:30 a.m. The UFO "at first appeared as a bright light," but "later looked more like a balloon." The object continued to apparently change shape. (Tallahassee Democrat, 4/8.)

Apr. 8—Upstate New York—Airlines pilot Capt. Raymond E. Ryan, with 23 years flying experience, described "something fantastic" he chased over upstate New York at night. The 43-year-old pilot said he followed a bright light from Schenectady to Oswego but could not catch it. "The light was so bright you wouldn't want to look at it," said Capt. Ryan. "I've read about flying saucers and I'm the type of fellow that—well, you've got to show me. But I'm convinced there was something fantastic up there." (A.P., 4/10.)

Apr. 11(?)—Cumberland Beach (near Orilla), Ontario(?), Canada—Residents reported "mysterious lights have been seen in the sky near the beach. The lights were...orange in color and larger than a star. They remained almost stationary over the district for several minutes and then suddenly shot away at high speed." (Canadian Press, 4/11(or 12).)

Apr. 11—Baudette, Minn.—Pat Appel and Carolyn Clay, on duty during morning at GOC filter center, "observed a high flying white, apparently metallic object, moving in a general westerly direction at a high rate of speed. The unidentified object apparently had no wings nor visible means of propulsion. A report was made to the filter center at Bemidji by the observers." (Baudette Region, 4/11.)

Apr. 22—Coffeyville, Kan.—Richard Henry and the E. J. Mengels family spotted "a spinning disc, giving off a bright red glow" around 10:30 p.m. They "watched the strange object move slowly in the sky between their home and Coffeyville"—10 miles distant—"until it sank below the horizon about a half hour later. When first sighted," by Mr. Henry, "the disc appeared about 1½ feet long." (This latter subjective figure is difficult to interpret—Ed.) "Later," the account continued, "the red glow seemed to fade a little and the viewers reported seeing tiny lights appear on the object's surface." (Coffeyville Daily Journal, 4/23.)

Apr. 25—El Monte, Calif.—R. M. Grace, of Covina, described a half-egg-shaped object which emitted no sound and "was a brilliant white." The UFO, first observed at 8:30 p.m., "appeared to

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be hovering about 1,000 feet above" him. "It had no riding lights," he said, "and that fact dismissed my first thought that it was a plane." Mr. Grace added the object finally "made an arc" and headed eastward. (El Monte Herald, 4/27.)

Apr. 29—Phoenix, Ariz.—Bud Pecaro, with his family, were driving from Los Angeles to Greenwich, Conn. Here is his story: "As we were starting out in the morning on the highway to Tempi, Arizona (between Phoenix and Tucson), my father remarked about an object in the sky to the right front of us. When I first looked I saw a long silver object with something seeming to shoot away from it and to the right of us. I immediately asked for the large pair of binoculars as I knew my smaller ones would be ineffective. When I looked I didn't have them in focus right away but I could tell that the object was a long cigar shape with a dark spot, or hole, in the center. I then handed the glasses to my father. After a while he said he saw what looked like a row of windows or ports that kept flashing light or flames along the side of the thing, and that while he was watching, something like a little meteor came shooting out of the bottom. About this same time I noticed that the thing seemed to flare up, after which it appeared to be farther away.

"Along the side of the highway were telephone poles, two in a row. This is important because the object seemed to follow the poles with each end touching—at least, for a sort time. Finally, after we were out of the traffic, we stopped along side of the road to get a better look at the object. By this time it had moved from the right to the left of the highway, and away from the telephone poles. It was now over some mountains in the distance and seemed to have gotten there rather quickly. I got one last good look at it through the binoculars before we and it moved away. It looked like a big ball point pen that was glowing on top and dark underneath. The sighting, in all, lasted ten minutes." (Mr. Pecaro estimates the object's length as 0.75 degree—Ed.) (On file.)

Apr. 30—East Mansfield, Mass.—Mrs. Gilmore, 1176 East Street, described what appeared to be a "bonfire in the sky" at 8:15 p.m. She said, "It came whistling down" and "plummeted to the street, just a few feet from" her house. "A ball of fire, the size of a basketball," then "shot upwards as it hit the road, in a burst of orange flame." The newspaper account added, "Small fragments burned on the ground. They were brought into the Gilmore home, but as they cooled, they faded away, disappeared without a trace. In a few moments, there was nothing left...Only a strange burnt smell in gravel on the roadside where the fire burned." (Mansfield News-Times, 5/3.)

May 2-7—Pueblo, Colo.—"Sightings of 'unidentified flying objects' for six successive nights" were revealed by the 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron on May 10. The first sightings were made to Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, by the Pueblo Ground Observer Corps. Intelligence Sgt. Gilbert Nelson was sent to the area on May 7. He observed six flights of the UFO's between 9 p.m. and midnight. "They were dull, more or less fluorescent glows," he reported, "faint but bright enough to see. Most of them were triangular in shape, but one was round and brighter than the rest. A. P. reported, "Nelson said the objects were visible for only five or six seconds at a time, so great was their speed." (Associated Press, 5/10; Los Angeles Examiner, 5/11.)

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May 9—Glen Ellyn, Ill.—Gweneth Willner went to the back porch of her home about 9:45 p.m., shortly after an electrical storm. "As I stepped out," she relates, "...there against the sky, way above the tree tops...hung a brilliantly illuminated object, larger than any plane. I stared fascinated, for I had never seen such a thing, just hovering, and making no sound. Then I called my company to come quickly. We watched it for several moments...Then it moved slowly north...and suddenly disappeared. As it did so, two other similar objects, further distant, moved north and disappeared in like fashion...They were definitely intelligently controlled...craft." (On file.)

Mid-May (?)—El Toro Marine Air Station, Calif.—Aviation columnist Tom Towers printed letter from Jack Swaney, Garden Grove: "While watching a jet perform over El Toro, I chanced to see a small, circular object directly overhead, traveling from west to east at an incredible speed. I would say it was in the neighborhood of 20,000 feet. The object was very brilliant and easy to keep in view. From the experience I have had around aircraft... I would say that the machine, object or what have you, was traveling somewhere around 5000 miles per hour..." (Los Angeles Examiner, 5/27.)

May 18—El Cajon Valley, Calif.—El Cajon police revealed six reports of a bright UFO traveling from east to west about 7:35 p.m. Nelson Eshelman and five members of his family were the first to report "a bright ball of light. It was hard to describe, but it moved about as fast as a jet...There was no sound. It disappeared over Fletcher hills. Mrs. Warren Taylor said, "It came from the north and circled to the west. It disappeared, and I ran to the corner. I then saw it come from the north again and it moved rather slowly. It was a bright incandescent glow; hard to describe. It disappeared the second time north of Black Mountain." Added Francis McCormick, "I heard the commotion across the street and ran out. It came from the northeast and travelled across the Valley disappearing into the west. Michael McCormick, an amateur astronomer, said, "The object was soundless and about as big as the moon was last night. Later I saw several jets come over the Valley and follow the same flight pattern." Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler witnessed the phenomenon. "It...gave off a light something like an arc welder," described Mr. Butler. "Later, while driving to town we saw the thing again. This time not more than 300 feet off the ground. It disappeared in Fletcher Hills. We went up there and talked to some small boys who saw the thing too." (El Cajon Valley News, 5/20.)

June 1—Los Angeles—A brilliant meteor-like object—"brighter than Venus"—was noticed by local residents at 8:39 p.m. Walter A. Feibelman, visiting amateur astronomer, said it displayed "a reddish hue in its large head, and left a short, light blue trail. The object seemed to brighten slightly before it terminated about 20 degrees above the horizon," he said. Other witnesses described it as having "a bright blue tail that faded into blue, yellow and red shades." (Los Angeles Examiner, 6/2.)

THE PLANET MARS is in its closest opposition (or proximity) to Earth in about 32 years this coming September 7-10. To those wanting to keep up with the data as it comes in on this opposition, the leading astronomical publication, Sky and Telescope, is about the only basic source to the public. This monthly magazine is \$5.00 per year (\$6 Canada and Pan American, \$7 foreign): Sky Publishing Corp., Harvard College Observatory, Cambridge 38, Mass. But don't get optimistic—news is few and far between.

BOOK NOTES

QUITE A FLOCK OF NEW UFO BOOKS have come from the presses since the last issue of SAUCERS was published. These include, The UFO Annual by M. K. Jessup (Citadel: \$4.95), Flying Saucers and Common Sense by Waveney Girvan (Citadel: \$3.50), and The Truth About Flying Saucers by Aime Michel (Criterion: \$3.95). Of all these, only The UFO Annual is an original American edition.

The Truth About Flying Saucers is the American translation of the French edition of Aime Michel's, Lueurs sur les Soucoupes Volantes. The publishers had the foresight, in this case, to acquire the services of the Civilian Saucer Intelligence (New York) to correct and revise the volume—and a fine job they did, too. This excellent book, in our opinion, nearly completely collapses the inversion theory as proposed by one Dr. Donald H. Menzel. And it thoroughly explores the possibilities of the Lieut. Plantier theory of a gravic-force-field propulsive application.

The 37-year-old M. Michel is particularly qualified for the authorship of a scientific volume on UFO research. He holds the degrees of Baccalaureat Mathematiques et Philosophie, Licence de Philosophie, Mathematiques generales, and Ingenieur du Son. He has authored two previous books; during 1943-44 was Professor of Philosophy at Grenoble, and subsequently science editor of the French National Radio Network.

Another new UFO volume—yet to be published in this country—is Jimmy Guieu's, Flying Saucers come from Another World (Hutchinson, London, 12s/6d—248 pages; 10 illustrations). This is another originally published in French and subsequently translated into English. We have on order a limited number of copies of this book, and expect receipt shortly. We are accepting orders at \$3.50 per.

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